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## **An Act To Clarify the Prohibition on Payment for Health Care Facility Mistakes or Preventable Adverse Events**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1721, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 2007, c. 605, §1, is amended to read:

**2. Prohibition.** A health care facility is prohibited from knowingly charging a patient or the patient's insurer or the patient's employer as defined in Title 39-A, section 102, subsection 12 for health care services it provided as a result of or to correct a mistake or preventable adverse event caused by that health care facility.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill clarifies that an employer, as defined under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992, may not be charged by a health care facility to correct a mistake or preventable adverse event caused by that health care facility.